

REMARKS

Claim Status pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.173(c):

Claims 1-43 are pending in this reissue application.

Claim 17 has been amended to correct a defect in its dependency. Claim 17 of the '407 Patent depends from claim 1 and recites that "the safety shield is made of polycarbonate plastic." Claim 1, however, does not introduce a safety shield and therefore no antecedent basis exists for the safety shield recited in claim 17. Claim 17 has been amended to depend from claim 16, which recites a safety shield and thereby provides the necessary antecedent basis to render claim 17 definite. Support for claim 17 is found at col. 5, lines 42-44 of the '407 Patent.

Claims 27-45 have been added to recite additional structure of the invention. Support for claims 27-45 can be found in the '407 Patent, among other places, as indicated below:

New Claim	Support in the '407 Patent
27	Figs. 1, 2, 4, 7-9
28	Figs. 1, 2, 4, 7-9
29	Col. 3, lines 33-54; Figs. 1, 2, 4
30	Col. 3, lines 33-54; Figs. 1, 2, 4
31	Col. 3, lines 33-54; Figs. 1, 2, 4
32	Col. 3, lines 33-54; Figs. 1, 2, 4
33	Col. 3, lines 33-54; Figs. 1, 2, 4
34	Col. 3, lines 33-36
35	Col. 3, lines 33-36
36	Fig. 4
37	Col. 3, lines 56-58; Figs. 1, 2
38	Col. 3, lines 56-58; Figs. 1, 2
39	Col. 4, line 63 to Col. 5, line 7; Figs. 2, 3

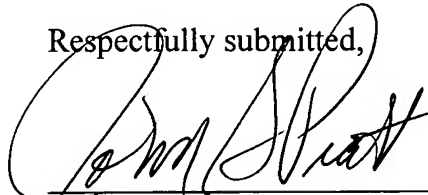
A

Reissue Application for
U.S. Patent No. 5,779,407
Filed: January 30, 1997
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

40	Col. 4, line 63 to Col. 5, line 7; Figs. 2, 3
41	Col. 3, lines 43-44; Figs. 2, 4, 7-9
42	Col. 5, lines 33-44; Figs. 7, 8
43	Col. 3, lines 33-50; Fig. 4
44	Col. 5, lines 8-32; Figs. 1, 3, 3A, 3B
45	Figs. 1-9

Applicant submits that these amendments appropriately define the claimed subject matter and respectfully requests re-issuance of the patent with claims 1-45.

Respectfully submitted,



John S. Pratt
Registration No. 29,476
Attorney for Assignee

OF COUNSEL:
KILPATRICK STOCKTON LLP
Suite 2800
1100 Peachtree Street
Atlanta, Georgia 30309-4530
(404) 815-6367

18